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LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE.

President's Communication Received by Congress.

LAWMAKERS BACK TO WORK

Both Branches Convene Promptly at the Appointed Hour—Adjournment is Taken Out of Respect to Deceased Members. Subsidy Bill Given Right of Way.

Washington, Dec. 4.—In the senate yesterday the work of the short session of the Fifty-sixth congress was successfully launched. It had been the purpose of the senate to announce the death of Senators Gear (Ia.) and Davis (Minn.) immediately after assembling, and then to adjourn and receive the president's message today, but as this has been announced by the leaders of both branches of congress to be a "business session" it was decided to receive the message Monday and thus gain one day in a session in which that much time may be of immense importance.

Aside from the reading of the message and the administration of the oath of office to William B. Dillingham, the new senator from Vermont, who succeeds the late Justin S. Morrill, no business was transacted. The other new member of the body, former Representative John P. Dolliver, who succeeds the late Senator Gear (Ia.), was present throughout the session, but his credentials were not presented and he was not sworn in. These formalities will be completed with today now that the senate has been officially informed of the death of Senator Gear.

Opening Day in the House.

The opening of the session in the house was brilliant, but not exciting. There were the usual throngs in the galleries and the usual display of floral pieces on the floor, but the proceedings were purely formal, consisting of the rapping to order by the speaker, prayer by the chaplain, the roll call of members, the appointment of the formal committees to wait on the president and the reception and reading of the president's message. Despite the fact that a great presidential campaign had concluded within a month the best of feeling seemed to prevail between victors and vanquished. The reading of the message, which naturally was the feature of the day, occupied over two hours. It was listened to with respectful interest by both sides. The deaths of the late Representatives Daly (N. J.) and Hoffecker (Del.), and Senators Davis (Minn.) and Gear (Ia.) were announced and as a further mark of respect to their memories the house adjourned.

Subsidy Bill Given Right of Way.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Republican senatorial committee on order of business decided that the ship subsidy bill should displace the Spooner Philippine bill as the unfinished business. It also considered at the same time the disposition of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and decided that that question should receive alternate attention with the shipping bill. The arrangement further provides that if the army bill reaches the senate prior to the disposal of the shipping bill or the treaty either or both of these may be displaced temporarily in order to permit the prompt consideration of that measure.

KRUGER WEEPS AT REFUSAL

Kaiser's Refusal is Hard Blow to Boer, But Does Not Destroy Latter's Hope.

Paris, Dec. 4.—A special dispatch from Cologne says Mr. Kruger, after he had received Emperor William's telegram, spoke as follows to a deputation styled "Friends of the Boers":

"I hope with all my heart that the circumstances which prevent his majesty from receiving me today will become more favorable later. I shall never cease to have confidence in the spirit of justice of the emperor, who, without knowing me, sent me four years ago significant encouragement. I will stay some time at The Hague and renew my request, and this time the emperor will not refuse."

Mr. Kruger was very sad and afterwards retired to his apartments in tears.

First Bill Introduced.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The first bill of the session introduced in the house of representatives was by Representative Crumpacker, making an apportionment of representatives in congress under the 11th census. It provides an increase of membership from 357 to 385. The following states gain in representation: Arkansas, 1; Colorado, 1; California, 1; Connecticut, 1; Florida, 1; Illinois, 2; Massachusetts, 1; Minnesota, 2; Missouri, 1; New Jersey, 2; North Dakota, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Texas, 2; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 1. The following states lose: Kansas, 1; Louisiana, 2; Mississippi, 3; Nebraska, 1; North Carolina, 1; South Carolina, 3; Virginia, 1.

John T. Bosley, postmaster at Paris Ky., and Sherman H. Stivers, his assistant, were arrested Monday, charged with embezzlement.

FOREIGN ENVOYS CONFER.

Have Received Instructions From Their Governments.

AGREEMENT NOT EXPECTED.

From Hints Dropped It is Assumed Satisfactory Arrangement Will Not Be Reached—Four Companies of German Troops in Tight Place.

Peking, Dec. 4.—All the foreign envoys have now heard from their governments regarding the joint note to the Chinese plenipotentiaries and a meeting will be held today. The envoys are not communicative, but enough is known with reference to the objections of the different governments to make it seem doubtful that the meeting will have satisfactory conclusion.

Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang both say that they are anxiously awaiting the demands of the powers. They declare that China desires peace at any price commensurate with the dignity of an independent nation, but they point out that so long as a foreign army occupies the province of Pi Chi Li the problem will be harder to solve. The missionaries and others who went through the siege protest against any suggestion of leniency. They urge particularly that those who are high in office and who were really responsible for the outrages to foreigners should be executed. And they insist also that a sufficient force should be kept in China to guarantee order and to keep foreigners independent of the Chinese, declaring that if this is not done a repetition of the troubles is inevitable.

London, Dec. 4.—"Placards are again being posted," says the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard, wiring Sunday, "announcing a renewal of the anti-foreign outbreaks as imminent. The Hankow viceroy told vice Admiral Seymour during the latter's recent visit that the court would never return to Peking."

DETAILS OF ATROCITY.

Dispatch to German Paper Tells of One More Mission Slaughter in China.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—A special dispatch from China to the Volks Zeitung reports a fearful mission slaughter in the province of Shan Si. The first victims, the dispatch says, were a Catholic bishop and his coadjutors and four European priests, Franciscans, Italian and French.

The governor invited them to his house pretending to give them better protection, but when they arrived their hands were tied. Then the governor himself polished them all and also a number of Chinese priests, 30 Chinese sisters, and 200 orphans from 3 to 16 years of age.

Next the governor went to the bishop's residence with a number of soldiers and seized six Marseilles sisters. He promised them money and distinguished husbands if they would renounce Christianity, which offer they unanimously rejected. Mr. and Mrs. Atwater and their two little children, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Price and their son, all of the American board; Mr. and Mrs. LaCren of the Swedish and Mrs. Eldred, an English woman, were butchered. The story of these murders directly implicated Yu Hsien, then governor of Shan Si. As announced in Peking dispatches, members of Li Hung Chang's staff say the Chinese emperor will probably send Yu Hsien a silk cord, which is an intimation that he must hang himself.

A number of the reports have not been published of the June massacres in Shan Si, some of the details being too horrible for publication. Men, women and children were butchered. Fifteen seminarists who had hidden themselves in a cistern were, the dispatch says, tied to stakes and forced to drink the blood of the first victims. They were then killed.

A Chinese priest and two Christians, who attempted to escape, were caught and put in a small hut, where they were burned.

OPENING NEW PARLIAMENT.

Attracts Little Public Interest—Usual Search of the Vaults Under Chambers.

London, Dec. 4.—The opening of the initial session of the 15th parliament of Queen Victoria occurred at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was a formal affair and of little public interest. A small crowd assembled to see the attendants, who carried out the usual search for possible conspirators in the vaults beneath the houses of parliament, with the customary ceremonial, and with the customary result. There was likewise the usual competition of zealous members of parliament to be first on the scene, and J. C. McDona easily secured the choice of seats, arriving in the house at midnight.

Although the only business before the house was the election of a speaker, the attendance of members was good, in spite of the absence of the Irish members. There was no opposition to the re-election of William Court Gully for a third term. Congratulatory speeches followed.

MUCH FUSS AND FEATHERS

Fifty Thousand Chickens Are to Meet Untimely Death.

NICHOLSON BROS. ARE VERY BUSY

Their Plant Now Plant Now Packing Fifteen Hundred Head of Poultry Daily. How it is Done. Score of Pickers at Work.

The poultry picking industry as conducted this year by Nicholson Brothers is, for the time being, the largest single industry in the county. A visit to their plant on Broadway shows thousands upon thousands of chickens awaiting their doom. Cage after cage filled with young roosters of every color, size, and breed. Already this concern has picked at least 10,000 head, they have 10,000 head on hand in Denison, and thousands more being held for shipment at different points in the vicinity. The prevailing price is four cents a pound, and Mr. Nicholson tells us that whereas some years ago the average weight of the poultry bought here was three pounds, the average weight now is five pounds, showing what our farmers have gained by careful chicken raising. A perfect chorus of crows, and clucks, and scratchings greets the visitor. The chickens are well housed with comfortable straw bedding, large water troughs, and are fed bushels of corn; altogether they appear happy and regardless of fate, although an insurance company would not give much for their life expectancy.

The day before the chickens are slaughtered they are not fed but are placed in separate departments from the other chickens, the run way is made into the catching room where each of the more than a score of chicken pickers dives in and grabs his victim. The method of slaughter is as humane as possible, and without any of the torturing torments of trying to get a chicken's head between a block and an axe. In the rear of the establishment is the long picking room, at which twenty-two men are busy from morning until night. The price paid for picking, as it is called, is two cents per head, and as some of the experts can pick more than 120 head a day they receive good wages.

The room is an almost indescribable one of carnage and feathers. The boys wear long aprons, old motherhubbards, and anything that may protect them from the blood and feathers. It is remarkable to see how quickly some of the men will capture their chicken, tie him up by the feet, perform the act of execution, strip the feathers and prepare it for the packers; from the picking room the chickens are taken by the cart-load to the packing room where, after being allowed to cool, they are packed in neat cases. The capacity of the plant now is about 1500 chickens a day. There are enough chickens in sight to keep the plant busy until the first of January. This is the biggest poultry business ever done in Denison, and in fact there are few places in the state where it is carried on in such a wholesale manner. The fact that it gives employment to nearly thirty men at good wages, besides offering to the farmers a sure market for this by-product of the farm is certainly a good thing for Denison. We congratulate Nicholson Brothers upon their enterprise and the successful management by which they have secured this large business. A few more such business houses in Denison and there will be no question as to the prosperity of our city for all time.

A GAY PARTY

About thirty young ladies improved the hours of Saturday afternoon by spending them at the home of Mrs. J. G. Wygant. The Misses Wygant and Stoner were the hostesses and all of our people young and old know that an invitation to their home insures a very pleasant time. A game consisting of a story that had the names of authors past and present, artfully interwoven, was the leading feature of the entertainment. After this was finished the winner had a very pretty little book bestowed upon her. A number of musical selections were given and Miss Webster read a quaint poem. Light refreshments were served that were both dainty and refreshing. It was a very gay party and much enjoyed by the guests.

Reports from Mr. Paul Hensen continue to be encouraging, and although he is still a very sick man it is confidently hoped that he will recover.

Do not forget to hear the Quaker Male Quartette Wednesday, Dec. 5th. This company is one of the best on the Lecture Course, and is composed of excellent soloists, accompanied by a reader of splendid ability. Seats reserved at Johnson's.

A LIST OF DON'TS

Don't

- Buy your boy a Toy Drum when he needs Warm Underwear.
- Buy your boy a Pocket knife when his Pockets are too ragged to hold one.
- Buy your husband a Shirt Pin when he needs a New shirt.
- Pay more than you have to for goods; the merchant will look out for himself; you look out for yourself.

We offer seasonable Winter Clothing. Just what you need at the Lowest Prices of any store in Denison.

Look at these bargains—come in and examine them. If they are not bargains—if they are not just as advertised, we expect you to buy at another place. We do not ask your sympathy, we ask your business on the broad ground that we offer you the best values for your money. Read the bargains, then come and see them and be convinced.

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Mens Fancy Worsted and Scotch goods in all colors Hub Price.....	\$6.50	Fine gray Irish Frieze coats Hub price from \$8.00 to.....	\$10.00
Mens fine Clay Worsteds, strictly all wool—Hub price.....	\$9.75	Silk lined and fancy cashmere lined Ulsters, from \$10 to.....	\$15.00
Mens fancy Worsteds, birdseye, Riverside and black goods of all descriptions—Hub price.....	\$15.00	A complete line of Fur Coats: DOG, GOAT, WOMBAT, WOLF, CALF, RUSSIAN LAMB, COON, in very best grades, all northern furs	

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